GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1569
ANSWERED ON:03.08.2005
INDO- NEPAL TIES
Chowdhury Shri Adhir Ranjan;Nikhil Kumar Shri ;Panda Shri Prabodh;Paraste Shri Dalpat Singh

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indo-Nepal relations are at a low ebb due to several contentious issues;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether large scale infiltration has been noticed from Nepal recently;

(d)if so, whether the matter has been taken up with the concerned authorities;

(e)if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the reaction of Nepal Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) to (f)

A statement is placed on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE ANSWER TO THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1569, TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2005 ON `INDO-NEPAL TIES`.

India and Nepal share a long tradition of cordial and mutually beneficial relations. Government of India has consistently stated that the current difficulties facing Nepal, including the Maoist insurgency can only be resolved by a political settlement. We believe that the measures taken by His Majesty`s Government of Nepal since 1st February 2005 represent a serious setback to democracy and to the efforts for a political settlement in Nepal. India is ready to support all efforts for dialogue and reconciliation between the constitutional forces in Nepal. As a result of the troubled situation in Nepal, there has been an increase in the influx of Nepali nationals into India through the open border. Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) has been asked to step up patrolling and vigilance along the border. His Majesty`s Government of Nepal is aware of our concerns about the continuing insurgency in Nepal and its adverse implications for our security, particularly in our bordering States.